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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. FOXX).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

September 5, 2017.

I hereby appoint the Honorable VIRGINIA FOXX to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:
Dear Lord, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

In the wake of a great American holiday, we ask Your special blessing on American workers: those fortunate to have jobs during these difficult economic times, and those desiring work. May they know and be confident of the nobility and sacredness of their labor.

Lord, the task facing the Nation's Congress is a difficult one, which will call upon each Member to consider what is best for American workers first. It is the challenge facing all Americans.

Give the Members wisdom in their work, that our economy might continue to rebound, and our countrymen and -women throughout these United States be able to provide for their families to build lives we have all come to expect for our citizens.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Florida (Mr. GAETZ) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GAETZ led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

DACA

(Mr. GAETZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Speaker, I take to the floor of the House today to support President Trump's decision as it relates to DACA.

America must be a nation of laws, and those laws must be passed by the Congress. This is the promise made in our Constitution and ensured by our enduring liberty. President Obama was incorrect to unilaterally act in this program; President Trump is correct to put the power back in the hands of the people's representatives.

America must also be a nation of borders, and we erode the virtue and value of those borders when we draw people across those borders illegally. There is nothing compassionate about telling the rest of the world that, so long as a child arrives here, that child will be treated as if they have the same virtues and values of American citizens, if they committed the criminal offense of unlawful entry into the country.

Challenges we have seen with undocumented minors being sent has created humanitarian crises, and I believe

that DACA and other programs that draw those across our borders illegally have contributed to those crises. I support the President. We should end DACA.

DACA

(Ms. BARRAGÁN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Madam Speaker, I rise today because I am fired up. I am angry about the decision that the President made today on DACA.

I want to thank the thousands of people who have risen up across this country—from Houston, to Philly, to Los Angeles, to Denver—to say that they are going to have their voices heard. They need to continue to sound that voice.

What about the promise the government made to these young people that said: If you come forward and come out of the shadows, we are going to protect your information? What about that promise?

I want every DREAMer to know that I stand with them and that I am going to fight like hell here in Congress to make sure that we protect them and to make sure that we honor the promise that we made. These people are our doctors, our teachers, our neighbors, and, in my case, my cousin.

I call on Congress and my colleagues across the aisle who have been speaking up on this issue in support of DACA protections to do more than speak, and to act—to act now and to act fast.

CONGRESS SHOULD MAKE IMMIGRATION POLICIES

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, today President Trump delivered on

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